

CTI BIOPHARMA CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 01, 2015

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT**  
**TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 1, 2015**

**CTI BioPharma Corp.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

**Washington**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
**of incorporation or organization)**

**001-12465**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**  
**3101 Western Avenue, Suite 600**

**91-1533912**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification Number)**

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**Seattle, Washington 98121**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (206) 282-7100**

**Not applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 1, 2015, the Board of Directors (the Board ) of CTI BioPharma Corp. (the Company ) approved an amendment (the Amendment ) to the Company s Shareholder Rights Agreement dated as of December 28, 2009, between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Rights Agent, as amended by that certain First Amendment to Shareholder Rights Agreement dated as of August 31, 2012 and as further amended by that certain Second Amendment to Shareholder Rights Agreement dated as of December 6, 2012 (as so amended, the Rights Plan ).

The Amendment amends the definition of Final Expiration Date under the Rights Plan from the close of business on December 3, 2015 to the close of business on December 2, 2018. The Rights were initially distributed as a dividend on each share of the Company s common stock, no par value per share ( Common Stock ), outstanding on January 7, 2010, the record date pursuant to the Rights Plan, and currently trade with each outstanding share of Common Stock.

The foregoing description of the terms of the Amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amendment, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 3.03 Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.**

Please see the disclosure set forth under Item 1.01, which is incorporated by reference into this Item 3.03.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(d) Exhibits*

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
4.1	Third Amendment to Shareholder Rights Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2015, between CTI BioPharma Corp. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Rights Agent.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**CTI BIOPHARMA CORP.**

Date: December 1, 2015

By: /s/ Louis A. Bianco  
Louis A. Bianco  
Executive Vice President, Finance and  
Administration

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